

HURRY UP THE NAMES.

Avoid Delay by Signing the East River Park Petition Now.

Hundreds of Signatures Already In, but More Are Desired.

Waste No Time if You Favor a Change to Evening Concerts.

For Evening Concerts at EAST RIVER PARK.

As citizens of New York, residents in the neighborhood and frequenters of East River Park, we respectfully petition the Board of Park Commissioners to change the hour of the band concerts, now given at that pleasant resort on Thursdays, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 8 o'clock in the evening, believing that such a change is desired by the great majority of residents of that vicinity.

Name _____
Address _____
Fill out this blank and send it to the Evening Concerts Committee, The Evening World, P. O. Box 2,054, New York City.

The list of signatures to the petition for evening concerts at East River Park, which is being circulated by The Evening World in behalf of the frequenters of that pleasant resort, is still growing at a brisk rate. When presented to the Board of Park Commissioners it will convince that body that there is a general desire on the part of the persons most interested that the hour of the concerts should be changed from afternoon to evening. There are still many people who favor the movement and who have not yet sent in their endorsement of the petition. All who have not done so are requested to fill out the accompanying coupon and forward as directed at their earliest convenience, so that there may be no delay in presenting the matter to the Park Board for definite action. Personal letters indicating the proposed change are being received in every mail. Among them are these:

"I heartily endorse such a movement and inclose the coupon as directed."
"Mrs. C. W. HENNESSY,
"509 E. 12th St."
"I think it is capital idea to change the concert hour, as almost all in that vicinity are working-people, and although they appreciate the concerts they cannot attend them except in the evening."
C. WITTECK,
"1336 E. 10th Ave."

MINERS DRIVEN BACK TO DIE.

Startling Allegations in a Report on the Birkenberg Horror.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
VIENNA, June 8.—The Austrian Social Democratic Congress has made a report on the Birkenberg mine disaster, in which it is alleged that the immense loss of life in the mine was due to the officials driving the miners back from the shaft when they were trying to escape. Just after the fire broke out these officials, the report declares, told the men there was no danger and persisted, in the face of the many appeals made to them, in their refusal to allow the men to leave from the mine.

The report also alleges that the key of the stables in which the fire-engines belonging to the mine were kept could not be found, and instead of breaking into the stables a search was made for the missing key.

As matters turned out, however, the time thus lost was of no consequence, for when the engines were got out of the stables it was found that there was no water available. Several explanations have been given as to the origin of the fire, it being stated in some quarters that it was started by incendiaries who were dissatisfied with their treatment in the mine.

An investigation reveals that the probable cause of the fire was the ignition by lighted tapers of a small wooden altar that had been erected in one of the lower galleries by devoted miners in honor of the patron saint of Bohemia.

Killed by a fallstone.
CANTON, N.Y., June 8.—Nathan John, farmer, was killed by a fallstone in his field. The fallstone was as large as a tea-cup.

A "Messiah" Follower Goes Crazy.
ROCKFORD, Ill., June 8.—Mrs. Mary Rogers, middle-aged and an inmate of Schweitzer's "Heaven," became violently insane yesterday. She has a husband and two daughters in Chicago.

BUTCHER OTTMAN A SUICIDE.

Found Dead by His Brother, Shot in the Temple.

A Well-Known East-Side Tradesman Who Had Ill Luck.

August Ottman committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the temple in his bachelor apartments at 55 East Houston street.

With his brother Julius he was engaged in the meat business at 61 East Houston street. They were getting along nicely when August informed his brother that he and a man named Wigger had decided to go into the liquor business. Julius thought it a good idea and made no objection.

August and Wigger engaged a store at 29 East Houston street, and fitted it up in style. Their business, however, did not prosper as expected, and the result was a quarrel between the partners. Wigger offered to sell his interest in the saloon and August purchased it.

But business grew worse instead of better and the other day August sold out at a heavy loss. His failure began to worry him, and he repeatedly told his brother that he would end his life. Julius, however, thought nothing of his threats, and vainly urged him to go to the country.

This morning August entered his brother's butcher shop and after remaining a short time, told his brother that he was going home to get his breakfast.

When he did not return at 9 o'clock, Julius became alarmed and went over to the house. He found the door locked, climbing upon the fire-escape he entered the kitchen window and went into the front room, where he found his brother sitting in the rocking-chair dead.

He had a bullet wound in his temple, from which blood was flowing, and on the floor a large pool had formed.

A pistol with an empty chamber lay alongside the chair, and in the room were several years ago he had a narrow escape from death in a big fire on Second avenue, where he lost his job, and the fight unhurt him perceptibly.

Produce Exchange brokers have not been so excited in years as they are to-day over the probable passage by the United States Senate of the Hatch Anti-Option bill, which has already passed the House of Representatives.

The bill is drawn in the interest of the consumer, the principle of the anti-trust laws, and is directed against deals in "futures." The object of the framers of the law is to prevent the creation of corners in cotton and breadstuffs for the purpose of inflating prices and compelling the consumer to pay artificial values.

How effectively the provisions of the law would interfere with such speculation is evidenced by the alarm the passage of the measure has occasioned among brokers and bankers.

President Evan Thomas, of the Produce Exchange, and President J. O. Hoss, of the Cotton Exchange, have sent a telegram to Vice-President Morton and Senator Hill, in which they say that "the passage of this bill by the Senate would undoubtedly cause a panic."

Mr. McComb and other speculators in cotton go so far as to say that if the bill becomes a law, the price of cotton will be reduced to the point where the dealers would be driven out of business. They do not, however, declare that a cotton exchange would be forced out of existence.

As the deals in the exchanges are largely in futures, the law would probably affect many big firms and cause an upheaval on the street, but the ultimate effect would be beneficial to the masses, as the supporters of the proposed act, and they will urge its final passage in the Senate and its approval by the President on that ground.

A DOCTOR'S SUDDEN INSANITY.
Patient Left Bleeding While the Surgeon Harangues a Crowd.

Quincy, Ill., June 8.—Dr. Alex. F. Lee, one of Quincy's most prominent physicians, has become suddenly insane and is now in jail awaiting an examination.

Yesterday he boasted that he had made \$100,000, and bought jewelry, furniture, horses, bicycles and other goods amounting to thousands of dollars.

He was to have been married last night. He operated on a man's neck for a tumor, but he was killed by a fallstone in his field. The fallstone was as large as a tea-cup.

Investor Green Is Dead.
KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 8.—George S. Green, the inventor, died here last Saturday, aged sixty years. He invented the first self-blender, first electric street car and the pneumatic shutter for photographers. He was working on an electric car to do away with the trolley when taken with his fatal illness.

When we were first married we bought a little cottage in the midst of a pretty garden a cottage that had just four rooms and a garret in all, but we wanted more.

Once the property of the late Miss Nancy Free, the real estate dealer said in his will.

We did not think much about Miss Free, however, only that her old-fashioned furniture—just what every one was going to have—went with the house, and that we could make it the prettiest little nest in the world. We were beginning to work. Why should we think of those who had died with it?

Why should Jack and Lottie Deane, just married, ask what had been the joys and sorrows of Nancy Free, stranger, some time dead? We live for ourselves in this world.

Jack bought the house we moved in. The place had been very carefully kept clean by the agent, and I began to arrange and rearrange, to tie ribbon bows on chairs, to loop fresh muslin curtains at the window panes, to fill the old china vases with flowers, thinking of Jack the while, as a bride would be apt to do, when looking out of the window I saw a quaint old figure coming up the road—that of

rooms once again. Miss Free was eighty when she died; I am eighty-five. But we were very young people when we first met—twenty-one and twenty-six. You think me an eccentric old creature, no doubt, but I want to see the house once before I die, for old times' sake.

Come in, sir," I said. "I shall be happy to show you every corner of it. I think I understand."

"As young people understand such things," he said. "Happily they do not quite know how the old feel—not quite."

He held his quaint old hat in his hand as he spoke, and gave me a sad smile that drew him into a hundred tiny crow's feet, and as I noticed the way he followed me into our little parlor and sat down.

"Nothing altered," he said. "This is Mrs. Free's furniture, that had been her grandmother's in Revolutionary days. They say it is the fate of the times to buy it up or have imitations of it. The brass andirons, the shovels and tongs, the carved chairs, the escritoire—I remember them all under a hundred tiny crow's feet, and as I noticed the way he followed me into our little parlor and sat down.

GOSSIP OF FIELD AND RING.

Sullivan to Return This Week and Take Up Handball Practice.

The New York Hall Team Still on the Toboggan Slide.

John L. Sullivan is expected to arrive in this city on Friday or Saturday, when he will begin handball practice with his trainer, Phil Casey, at the Brooklyn Handball Court. Casey says that Sullivan will be the feature of Sullivan's daily work until July 15, and he is very pronounced in his assertions that he does not expect the least trouble in getting the big fellow to follow out his directions.

The giants dropped away from the 500 mark yesterday by losing to Louisville 4 to 2. They had things their own way until the eighth inning, when the game got tangled up with the umpire, and the colonels captured two runs.

Brooklyn touched up Cleveland 2 to 1, and Boston went down before Pittsburgh 8 to 7. Games scheduled for to-day are: Cincinnati at New York, Cleveland at Philadelphia, at Brooklyn, St. Louis, at Baltimore, Chicago, at Boston, Louisville, at Washington.

An interesting feature of the New York Yacht Club regatta to be held in the lower bay to-morrow will be the contest between the new Herreshoff boat Wasp and the narrow-beam cutters, Oriva and Clara. This is the race that was so called at the famous regatta on Saturday.

The New York Athletic Club members have great faith in George H. Gray's ability to put the 16-pound shot. He has been doing some work, in fact, and is expected to excel all former efforts at the New York A. C. games at Travers Island on Saturday.

George Hildons, who recently fought a forty-six-round draw with Johnny Van Heest, of Chicago, at New Orleans, is in town, and has challenged Bobby Burns to a finish at 110 pounds.

Bob Conn, President of the Columbia Athletic Club, is preparing for the club's annual meeting, to be held at Manhattan Field on Labor Day. The Columbia, although comparatively new club, will attempt to provide a programme equal to any given at athletic games this season.

George Schwegler is in training, with the intention of breaking the 200-yard low hurdle record.

Capt. John A. Gray, of the Star Athletic Club, is arranging to hold a set of members' games, the third game, on July 4, preparatory to the annual games to be held on Aug. 20.

The interests of cricket are being well looked after by the Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, and the club has several bowlers. The new club-house at Bay Ridge is very popular with the Crescents and their friends.

Warren Lewis, the well-known sportsman, who is the president of the New York Athletic Club, is expected to take a party of friends to the annual games of the New York A. C. on Travers Island on Saturday.

The Seawanhaka Boat Club has several oarsmen in training for the Long Island Rowing Association's regatta, to be held on Flushing Bay on June 15.

There will be a musical festival this evening in the lower bay, at the New York Yacht Club, and the event will be a success.

The Anti-Swearing Union will hold a meeting this evening at the New York Yacht Club, and the event will be a success.

The twenty-fifth anniversary picnic and silver jubilee of the Independent Benevolent Association will be held at the New York Yacht Club, and the event will be a success.

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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

A Building Trades Council has been formed in Auburn, N. Y.

A new Labor Lyceum is about to be established in Philadelphia.

A Knights of Labor co-operative cigar factory is to be established in Rochester, N. Y.

The typographers employed by the Zurich (Switzerland) Telegraph are working from 8 A. M. till 10 P. M.

The union painters of Memphis, Tenn., have settled with their boss upon the eight-hour basis. Only two "scab" shops in the city.

The Journalists' Union, of Sacramento, does not permit its members who are four years in the business to work for less than \$25 per week.

Cigar-makers' Union No. 10 admitted ten new members this week. The dues of the members are \$1.00 per month, which must be paid on or before June 15.

The New York Section of the Social Labor party has decided to remove the Labor Lyceum from 25 East Fourth street, as the landlord has raised the rent \$500 per year.

German-American Typographical No. 2, the enamel and Typographical No. 11, Baltimore, will fine any of their members \$1 for drinking a glass of beer before their work.

The unions of the bricklayers, carpenters and painters at Winnipeg, Canada, have decided to strike on July 1, if their demands are not met.

From 1917, in 1918, the number of pupils of the Philadelphia School has been reduced to 1917, because the building trades unions do not admit young men to membership who graduate from that school.

New officers are to be elected by the House-Painters' Union next week. Those falling to elect will be fined \$1.00 per week.

Eleven new members were enrolled by Cigar-makers' Union No. 10 this week. The shops and districts are voting upon the declaration of the central committee regarding the Harmony Convention.

The union composers of the Port, Hartford, Conn., are on strike against the employment of girls at from \$5 to \$11 per week, while the wages of men are from \$15 to \$21.

Furniture-workers' Union No. 32 enrolled five new members and five candidates were proposed last week. The Union has voted against holding a convention by the International Furniture Workers' Union this year.

Prof. E. W. Rens, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., is giving a series of lectures on labor and economics in the University extension course of the Chicago University on Chicago, Ill.

The attempt to interest the labor organizations in the movement of the People's party has been a failure. At a recent mass-meeting, where Mr. Taubert, of the Farmers' Alliance, was the principal speaker, only a few hundred members of labor unions were present.

The K. of L. co-operative grocery and provision store at Worcester, Mass., has a business of \$40,000. It paid 5 per cent on the capital invested, put 10 per cent of the profits into a sinking fund and then paid a dividend of 11 per cent to the stockholders.

The pickets of the Silk-Hibben Weavers' Union No. 4 report that a "scab" has been found in sufficient number to replace the strikers at Jacob Neilsen's shop. During the summer the regular meeting will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Considerable bad feeling has been stirred up among labor organizations of England by the London and County Council, which refused to recognize Clean Edwards, General Secretary of the Federation of Trades, which has local unions throughout the kingdom.

The objection against Edwards is that he has not returned any trade, but was a schoolmaster before entering the labor movement.

At yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee of Cigar-makers' Union No. 7 it was reported that the union had secured a contract for several strike shops, by a broker on East One Hundred and Seventeenth street. Five parties to the contract have been secured.

There was a strike recently at a knitting mill in Oswego because the owners insisted on putting their men on to 25 per cent of shoddy in their stock. The poor material prevents the workers, who are paid by the piece, from making their usual output.

An interesting discussion took place at yesterday's meeting of the Harmony Convention, as proposed by the labor organizations of taking political action. Delegates Weissmann, Dimpf and Archibald spoke against and in favor of the proposition.

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DEATH OF JACOB BLANK.

The Concert Hall Owner Succumbs to Rheumatism of the Heart.

Jacob Blank, proprietor for many years of the well-known concert hall and beer garden at 100 Third avenue, is dead. He had been ill but two days before his death, on Monday, at his home over the saloon. His ailment was rheumatism of the heart. He leaves a widow, five daughters and two sons.

Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Peter Deisler, wife of the brewer, are sisters. Jacob Blank was born in Dirschbach, Bavaria. He came to New York in 1861. In 1862 he opened a typical German saloon in Avenue A, and shortly afterwards opened another beer garden at 100 Third avenue. In 1881 he bought the saloon on Third street, which formed an "L" with 100 Third avenue, and constructed the "concert hall," which has been a favorite resort of Germans. Mr. Blank also owned a similar resort at 1128 Third avenue.

He was a member of the Arion Society, Central Turn Verein, Rhenish Club and other German societies, and of Tammany Hall. He will be buried in Calvary Cemetery.

AMONG THE WHEELMEN.

The Tuxedo Wheelmen will hold an outing on June 10.

The Queens County Wheelmen are arranging for a relay race on July 4.

The Lenox Wheelmen will hold a relay race on Sunday next.

The South Brooklyn Wheelmen have several moonlight runs scheduled for this month.

The Brooklyn Bicycle Club members are riding a great deal in Prospect Park and the city.

They will ride the ten-mile event at the Riverside Wheelmen's meet on July 9.

The Brighton Wheelmen are adding many new members.

The Columbia Cycle Club will be represented at the big meet held in this vicinity this season.

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